

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,051,101 to Komatsu.

Further, the Examiner stated that claim 9 is allowable and that claims 2-4, 6, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 5, and 7, and amend claims 2 and 6, to result in claims 2-4, 6, and 8 being now in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his rejections and objections, and allow claims 2-4, 6, and 8 along with already allowed claim 9.

Upon review of this matter, Applicants have discovered they do not have any evidence that the Examiner in-fact considered the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 30, 2002, and August 22, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants enclose herewith copies of these Information Disclosure Statements including the accompanying PTO 1449 Forms and copies of the postcards stamped by the PTO, which verify the documents were filed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 Forms to confirm that the documents identified by these Information Disclosure Statements have in-fact been considered, and send a copy thereof to Applicants.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 2-4, 6, 8, and 9 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 2 and 6 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.


The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 408-4157 if the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the application.

Please grant any extension of time needed to enter this reply and charge any needed fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 1/ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (2 pages)
 2. PTO-1449 (1 page)
 3. Three Japanese references (including one partial English translation and two English abstracts corresponding to those listed on PTO-1449)
 4. Copy of Japanese Office Action for Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-319891 including English language translation
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 6-139415, 7-192102, 3-46969 are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English language

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translation of the Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-319891 citing these documents and setting forth their relevance. Applicants also enclose copies of a partial English language translation of 3-46969 and English language abstracts of 6-139415 and 7-192102.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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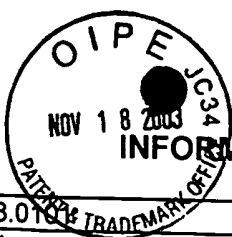
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	3-46969	30APR91	Japan			Partial Translation
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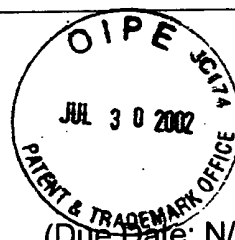
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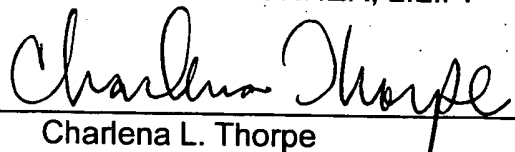
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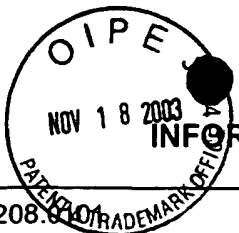
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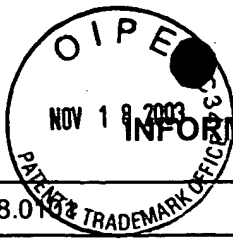
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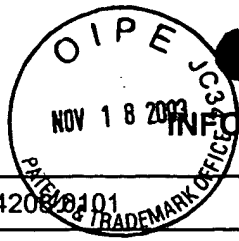
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